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TIMBER CUTTINGS, JANUARY-AUGUST, 1973 WITH COMPARISONS

Sawlogs cut during the first eight months of 1973 totaled 730,166,863 board feet. This volume represents a decrease of 6.4 percent compared with the same period a year ago but 5.6 percent more than the January-August average harvest of the previous five years.

Pulpwood cuttings through August of this year have amounted to 2,441,371 cords. Harvest is running 8.1 percent ahead of last year and almost 41 percent above the January-August, 1967-71 average.

An additional 8,707,000 board feet of sawtimber and 36,316 cords of pulpwood were severed under reforestation contracts.

MARKET SUMMARY, THIRD QUARTER, 1973

Sawlogs: Stumpage prices paid for pine sawlogs averaged \$88.00 per thousand board feet for the third quarter of this year. This is a 5.5 percent increase over the previous quarter's average and 31 percent higher than the average price paid during the same quarter of 1972. Hardwood stumpage compared with last quarter's averages showed increases ranging from around 15 to 20 percent on all species. Delivered-to-plant prices for pine increased about 2.4 percent for pine and around 7 to 10 percent for hardwoods compared with the April-June quarter of this year.

Poles: Compared with the previous quarter, there were sizeable price increases in most classes of thirties through sixties. From sixty-fives and up, price changes on the average were less significant.

Pulpwood: Pine averaged \$5.40 per cord stumpage and \$23.35 F.O.B. car. This is an increase of 10 percent on stumpage and about 7 percent F.O.B. car. Hardwood showed an increase of 7 percent F.O.B. car but was unchanged for stumpage.

Wood Chips: A wide range in prices paid for wood chips continued to be reported. Most quotes for Pine ranged from around \$8.00 to \$8.90 per ton, F.O.B. sawmill with report both below and above these prices.

Compared with the previous quarter, prices are up by about 8 percent for Pine chips.

During the July-September quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported:

SAWLOGS			PULPWOOD	
Specie	MBF 1/	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF	Cords	Ave. Price Dollars/Cord
SYP	27,040	130.73	35,989	6.66

	STATE AVERAGE					July-Sept. Previous		Same
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	1973	Quarter	Period
Pulpwood, Per Cord	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
Pine, Stumpage	5.45	5.25	5.50	5.00	<u>1</u> /	5.40	4.90	4.85
Pine, FOB Car	23.75	<u>1</u> /	22.80	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	23.35	21.75	19.10
Hardwood, Mixed								
Stumpage	2.35	2.40	2.50	2.80	<u>1</u> /	2.45	2.35	2.10
Hardwood, Mixed								
FOB Car	23.00	<u>1</u> /	23.00	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	22.90	21.35	19.00
Hardwood, Woods Run								
Stumpage	2.15	<u>1</u> /	2.15	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	2.15	2.05	1.70
Hardwood, Woods Run								
FOB Car	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	19.00	17.25
<u>1</u> /	Insufficient number of quotes to report by area, but included in state average.							
<u>2</u> /	Data not comparable.							

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement of this report.

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VERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1973
WITH COMPARISONS

						<u>STATE AVERAGE</u>			
						July--Sept	Previous	Same	
						1973	Quarter	Year Ago	
(A)	Sawlogs (Stumpage)	Area 1 (Dollars)	Area 2 (Dollars)	Area 3 (Dollars)	Area 4 (Dollars)	Area 5 (Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
	Pine M.Bd.Ft.	87.65	83.75	85.60	94.15	1/	88.50	83.75	67.40
	Cypress "	41.90	45.00	26.65	1/	35.00	37.05	37.10	30.10
	Red Oak "	30.00	40.00	33.20	1/	37.80	33.90	29.90	26.10
	White Oak "	30.80	1/	33.85	1/	33.75	32.50	28.15	23.85
	Sweet Gum "	30.80	40.00	35.25	1/	38.45	35.10	30.40	26.55
	Tupelo Gum "	30.35	1/	33.85	1/	37.50	33.35	30.95	24.35
	Black Gum "	41.25	1/	39.00	1/	39.15	38.95	32.00	25.85
	Willow "	41.25	32.65	1/	1/	33.35	34.85	28.60	23.75
	Ash "	41.25	58.35	36.65	1/	50.00	46.90	37.90	29.35
	Cottonwood "	41.25	41.65	1/	1/	38.35	39.35	32.65	27.50
	Mixed Hardwoods "	41.25	38.35	32.50	1/	36.05	36.40	31.00	26.05
(B)	Sawlogs (Delivered)								
	Pine M.Bd.Ft.	116.15	112.50	118.65	121.65	1/	116.65	115.90	93.80
	Cypress "	78.35	88.75	70.00	1/	72.50	77.20	72.05	64.30
	Red Oak "	63.00	85.00	62.05	1/	76.10	69.00	64.45	57.20
	White Oak "	63.95	73.75	61.50	1/	68.10	65.95	61.80	56.30
	Sweet Gum "	63.85	85.00	66.30	1/	77.80	71.40	64.75	58.60
	Tupelo Gum "	63.85	83.35	59.85	1/	72.15	67.40	65.85	57.05
	Black Gum "	75.50	74.50	65.00	1/	67.50	70.55	64.95	58.50
	Willow "	76.90	79.50	1/	1/	70.00	73.45	65.25	62.95
	Ash "	75.50	98.75	68.35	1/	84.30	82.50	76.00	64.35
	Cottonwood "	74.50	86.25	1/	1/	74.30	76.25	68.70	58.50
	Mixed Hardwoods "	73.50	83.75	1/	1/	73.75	74.10	67.35	58.90
<u>Poles, Barky (FOB Plant or Concentration Point) - Each -</u>									
30-Ft. Class	5.	7.25	1/	6.40	1/	1/	6.95	5.20	4.95
"	6.	6.30	1/	5.50	1/	1/	6.05	5.35	4.40
"	7.	4.55	1/	4.35	1/	1/	4.45	4.30	3.80
35-Ft. Class	4.	13.10	1/	11.60	1/	1/	12.10	11.00	9.05
"	5.	11.95	1/	10.45	1/	1/	11.30	10.45	8.60
"	6.	9.15	1/	8.00	1/	1/	8.75	8.00	6.30
"	7.	6.65	1/	6.10	1/	1/	6.35	5.65	4.60
40-Ft. Class	2.	24.20	1/	20.50	1/	1/	22.15	16.75	13.85
"	3.	20.75	1/	17.85	1/	1/	19.60	15.90	13.00
"	4.	17.15	1/	14.95	1/	1/	16.50	14.25	11.90
"	5.	15.05	1/	13.05	1/	1/	14.35	12.75	10.60
"	6.	11.50	1/	10.45	1/	1/	10.95	10.25	8.30
45-Ft. Class	2.	28.50	1/	23.80	1/	1/	25.80	18.65	16.70
"	3.	23.95	1/	20.75	1/	1/	22.75	18.25	15.40
"	4.	20.50	1/	18.00	1/	1/	19.80	16.45	13.85
"	5.	18.00	1/	15.80	1/	1/	17.35	14.75	12.25
50-Ft. Class	2.	32.90	1/	27.80	1/	1/	30.00	22.50	19.70
"	3.	29.00	1/	24.10	1/	1/	26.95	21.50	18.95
"	4.	24.75	1/	21.50	1/	1/	22.90	18.35	16.20
55-Ft. Class	2.	42.20	1/	36.60	1/	1/	39.00	32.10	27.75
"	3.	36.15	1/	31.05	1/	1/	34.05	29.40	26.05
"	4.	31.65	1/	25.55	1/	1/	28.20	21.55	20.85
60-Ft. Class	2.	49.10	1/	42.55	1/	1/	45.35	39.60	36.65
"	3.	42.95	1/	38.00	1/	1/	40.10	37.15	34.30
65-Ft. Class	2.	63.85	1/	57.75	1/	1/	58.95	56.05	50.15
"	3.	52.40	1/	50.30	1/	1/	51.20	50.30	45.85
70-Ft. Class	2.	69.45	1/	66.45	1/	1/	67.75	66.55	61.15
"	3.	61.50	1/	59.75	1/	1/	60.50	60.00	55.65
75-Ft. Class	2.	83.65	1/	81.95	1/	1/	82.70	84.45	77.25
"	3.	73.90	1/	71.20	1/	1/	72.35	74.05	68.75
80-Ft. Class	2.	98.65	1/	100.35	1/	1/	99.65	102.85	94.65
"	3.	84.05	1/	86.20	1/	1/	85.30	90.05	84.80

